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57/34. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/5 of 8 October 1999, by which it granted observer status to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as its resolution 55/211 of 20 December 2000, on cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization,

Recalling also that one of the purposes of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social or humanitarian nature,

Recalling further the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations that encourage activities through regional cooperation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the Charter signed at the summit meeting in Yalta, Ukraine, on 5 June 1998, which entered into force on 1 May 1999, thus transforming the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization into a regional economic organization with an international legal identity, as well as the declarations adopted by the heads of State or Government of its member States at the summit meetings held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 17 November 1999 and 25 June 2002,

Recognizing that any dispute or conflict in the region impedes cooperation, and stressing the need to solve such a dispute or conflict on the basis of the norms and principles of international law,

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General submitted pursuant to resolution 55/211,[1]

[1] A/57/87.

1. *Takes note* of the results of the summit meeting of heads of State or Government of the member States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, held in Istanbul on 25 June 2002;

2. *Encourages* efforts within the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to consider ways and means of enhancing its contribution to the strengthening of security and stability in the region;

3. *Welcomes* the activities of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation in various fields, such as trade and economic development, banking and finance, communications, energy, transport, agriculture and agro-industry, health care and pharmaceuticals, environmental protection, tourism, science and technology, exchange of statistical data and economic information, collaboration among Customs services, and combating organized crime and the illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons and radioactive material, all acts of terrorism and illegal migration, or in any other related area;

4. *Takes note* of the adoption of the Economic Agenda of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and its implementation, as well as the decision on the establishment of the Project Development Fund of the organization;

5. *Encourages* the cooperation established between the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and other regional organizations and initiatives, particularly the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, the South-East European Cooperation Process, the Central European Initiative, the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative and the South-East Europe Cooperation Initiative, and expresses its appreciation of the results of the coordinating meeting of these regional institutions;

6. *Welcomes* the signing in Istanbul, on 2 July 2001, of the Cooperation Agreement between the Economic Commission for Europe and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the support given by the Commission to the activities of the organization in the fields provided for in the aforementioned Agreement;

7. *Also welcomes* the signing in Istanbul, on 20 February 2002, of the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization and the support provided by the Programme to the activities of the organization;

8. *Further welcomes* the cooperation and coordination between the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization, as well as the financial support provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization for the project of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization on institutional strengthening to facilitate intraregional and interregional agricultural trade among member States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

9. *Takes note* of the cooperation between the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in the elaboration of the joint venture model contracts for small and medium-sized enterprises;

10. *Also takes note* of the importance attached by the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization to the strengthening of relations with the European Union, and supports the efforts of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the organization to take concrete steps to advance this cooperation;

11. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue to consult with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization with a view to promoting cooperation and coordination between the two secretariats;

12. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to cooperate with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization in order to continue consultations and programmes with the organization and its associated institutions for the attainment of their objectives;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the sub-item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization".

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